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SOVIET UNION MILITARY-ECONOMIC REPORT

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the [REDACTED] since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Civil Air Fleet

(1) In air fleet communications a 54th Flight Squadron was named whose location can be established with fair probability in Aktyubinsk.

Personnel Situation

(2) Status of training in the Kama Steamship Agency on 1 March is as follows:

Finishing course for travelling personnel	88 men
" " " management of wharves	94 "
Primary training of firemen	50 "
" " " other men	27 "
Evening course for management	169 "
" " " wharves	21 "
Stakhanov Schools	55 "
Total	504 "

Food Supply

(3) Murmansk reports to Moscow, Hay Procurement, that the ship repair yard has not received 80 tons of hay. Obviously it concerns a ship repair yard of the Merchant Fleet.

Material Supply

(4) In addition to the 67.5 tons of firebrick which was allotted for February the Council of People's Commissars in Georgia authorized a supplementary 81 tons of brick for February. On 28 February 50 tons were shipped. Shipment is being continued.

(5) In 1943 Erivan needs 35 tons of industrial fats. The annual needs of the leather factory amounts to 34 tons.

(6) The Chief Directorate for Highways in Moscow reports that in February 14 carloads (686 tons) of cement were received.

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(7) Baku requests the brick works in Dziruly to report by telegraph on the status of the shipment of 600 tons of firebrick.

(8) Zestafoni reports to the Chief Directorate for Special Steel in Moscow that there is an order for a monthly shipment of 300 tons of fire clay for the factory Leninakan to guarantee the orders of the Transcaucasus Railroad.

(9) Because of the lack of means of transportation, it is not possible to ship material (?) to the glass works in Ordzhonikidze.

Coal Supply

(10) Murmansk reports to Moscow, Chief Directorate for the Northern Sea Route: Coke and carbide are completely lacking in the ship repair yard. In March, 30 tons of coke and 2 tons of carbide will be needed.

(11) The 2 carloads of coke which were loaded in Kemerovo in January have not been received.

Production

(12) "Ingur Paper Combine" in Tiflis (?) proposes to produce 1300 tons of paper goods in the second quarter.

(13) Industrial Mechanization reports to the Chief Directorate for the Aviation Industry Supply in Moscow that, in the factory "26 Kommissars", the production of adapter-transformers is held up because of the lack of ball bearings.

(14) The Armenian People's Commissariat for the Textile Industry in Erivan is to deliver 800,000 rolls of yarn produced in the first quarter to the Armenian Base of the Chief Directorate for Sales of Textile Goods.

(15) The People's Commissariat for Local Industry intends to produce the following main products for 5,000,000 rubles in the second quarter, including 3,000,000 rubles for rajon production:

Peat	15000 tons
Coal	5000 "
Carbide	500 "
Copper sulphate	750 "
Horse-drawn vehicles	200 units
Horseshoes	15000 "
Books	500000 "
Matches	3000 cases

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(16) Industrial Cooperation intends to produce goods worth 30,000,000 rubles, including objects of daily need worth 22,000,000 rubles. The main products are:

Horse-drawn vehicles	180 units
Horseshoes	200,000 "
Instruments for	80,000 rubles
Pottery (with a volume of):	6,000 liters
Glassware	64,000 units
Woolen yarn	16 tons
Cotton goods	700,000 meters
Wool goods	16,000 "
Socks	118,000 pairs
Wool gloves	20,000 "
Hosiery	250,000 items
Knitted goods	260,000 "
Twine	16 tons
Furniture for	157,000 rubles
Confectionery	50 tons
Soap	22 tons
Hard leather	4 "
Tawer products	15 "
Soft leather goods	350,000 decimeters
Boot lace	25,000 pairs
Strips of cloth	500 meters
Misc. shoes	75,000 pairs
Shoe repair	215,000 "
Felt boots	200,500 "
Saddle tools	5,000 sets
Paper	1 ton
Export of commercial timber	1,800 cbm.
Firewood	3,000 cbm.
Wood spoons	25,000 items
Matches	5,000 cases

(17) Novosibirsk is to build a 500-ton barge in its "Moryakovsker workshops" instead of a refrigerator barge.

(18) In Naberezhnaya and in Molotov setbacks in ships' overhauling have appeared. Moscow demands their removal.

(19) Molotov is to complete an electric power installation. Moscow criticizes the dragging progress.

(20) In Gor'kij the change-over of the ships "Oktyabrenok" and "Chkalovsk" to wood firing is behind schedule.

(21) In Chkalovsk there is a setback in the overhauling of the fleet on 1 March; in the non-steamer fleet 3%, in the steamer-fleet 1.8%.

(22) The Volga fleet is behind by 13% (Message garbled).

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(23) The yards which are occupied with ship construction and ship maintenance in Kujbyshev must receive new work forces. In the oblast' of Kujbyshev, 160 men must be mobilized, 120 from urban and 40 from rural areas. From the oblast' of Tartar ASSR, 240 men must be supplied for this purpose, 90 from urban and 150 from rural areas. The people are to be broken in individually as quickly as possible.

Expenditures

(24) In Georgia there was spent for construction:

Air Squadron "Sovetskaya Gruziya"	166,719	rubles
By tank columns	50,000	"
By tank columns, air squadrons, and gun batteries	1,020,700	"
Total	1,237,419	"